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Title: RATE SMOOTHING CONTROL

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date/Issue Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/852,602	May 24, 2004	279.838US1	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING IRREGULAR VENTRICULAR CONTRACTIONS SUCH AS DURING ATRIAL ARRHYTHMIA

Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

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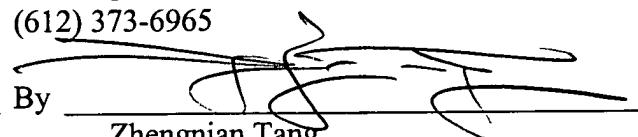
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